



Army Intelligence Chief Aluf Zeira's driver lugging a load of files into the premises occupied by the Inquiry Commission yesterday.

## ZEIRA FIRST TO TESTIFY

The first witness to appear before the Inquiry Commission into the War yesterday was the Army Chief of Intelligence, Aluf Zeira. At his first working meeting in the former Justice Ministry offices in Jerusalem, the Commission was in session for seven hours. Aluf Zeira was yesterday's only witness, and was expected to continue today. The five-member Commission is to meet on Sundays through Thursdays. Judge David Bartov, Supreme Court Registrar, is serving as Commission Secretary. Everybody, including soldiers of all ranks, has the right to write in to the Commission and ask permission to testify, outlining the nature of the evidence. The address is P.O. 1251, Jerusalem.

## Eban: Security doctrine invalid

Foreign Minister Abba Eban called last night on Israel to "rebuild its concept and style in the sequel of the terrible drama that we have lived." Many of the basic assumptions underlying Israel's pre-war policies had proved "suddenly obsolete," he told the American Jewish Presidents Club meeting in Jerusalem. In particular, the security doctrine — the first link in the sequence of assumptions — had "failed to stand firm." That doctrine had implied "sufficient preponderance to deter any likely assault," or the ability to defeat any assault at speed and at little cost. Eban predicted that the Arabs would therefore have to relinquish the military option and turn to negotiation. But the doctrine had proved invalid — because Israel's assessment of the 1967 war's results had been "not an authentic or permanent reflection of the real military balance." If the gap is wide, we should not believe that it is unlimited or infinite. Beyond the invalidity of some basic assumptions, there had been, too, before the war a national overconfidence. "A doctrine based on absolute confidence caused the national style and rhetoric to become overly strident. Domestic rivalries led to the proliferation of maximalist statements."

What observers took to be a thinly veiled attack on Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, Mr. Eban listed a chain of "illusions" which, he said, had sprouted on the fringes of Israel's political life but "alas — they did not always remain on the fringes." The illusion that the cease-fire could exist indefinitely in a political vacuum; the illusion that a million Arabs would be kept under Israeli control forever provided their economic and social welfare were impressively advanced; the illusion that Zionism forbade a sharing of national sovereignty between two nations in Palestine. He continued: "We should not abandon the idea of strategic depth, but there is a versatile range of methods by which this can be achieved — sometimes but not always by territorial change."

## May visit M.E.

WASHINGTON (AFP). — Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is reportedly considering another visit to the Middle East before next month's peace conference in Geneva. According to diplomatic circles here, Mr. Kissinger, who is due to attend the meeting of the NATO Ministerial Council in Brussels on December 11 and 12, may decide to continue on to the Middle East for talks with Israeli and Egyptian leaders before the Geneva conference opens on December 18.

## Reasons for Aluf Gonen's transfer from Southern Command

## WHY DAYAN DIDN'T RESIGN

By a Political Correspondent. A few days after the beginning of the war Defence Minister Dayan told Mrs. Meir that he was willing to resign. He said he considered much of the responsibility for anything that had gone wrong was his, for he was not only Defence Minister in the government but "I am a former Chief of Staff. I'm Moshe Dayan. I'm supposed to be the expert." If the Prime Minister thought it would be a good thing he was quite prepared to go and let her put in somebody she thought would do better. Mrs. Meir apparently expressed her confidence in him. "All this is not a secret," Mr. Dayan has said recently in reply to demands that have appeared in articles in several newspapers asking for his resignation. Mr. Dayan is understood to believe that his resignation now would prejudice the position of a number of officers in the Inquiry Commission that has now been begun, under the chairmanship of Justice Agmon, the Supreme Court President. The current objections against him were not based on his policies, which would be a political matter, but on what was considered failure of the military establishment to anticipate the war, and inadequate preparations in the field. A Defence Minister could not resign on such issues without thereby involving the army leadership in responsibility as well. It has not been suggested at any stage that, for instance, the Defence Minister was alone in thinking that there would not break out, and that preparedness could be relaxed, while senior officers thought otherwise. There was far-reaching agreement on the situation. It is also pointed out that Deputy Premier and Education Minister Yigal Allon was Acting Premier in Mrs. Meir's absence until she returned from Vienna four days before war broke out. Mr. Dayan has been sharply critical of press allegations that Aluf Shmuel Gonen was summarily and "unjustly" moved a few days ago from his post as O.C. Southern Command to Southern Sinai, based on Sharm el-Sheikh. This area had been practically quiet throughout the war. Aluf Gonen had been newly promoted to the Southern Command only weeks before the war broke out, when the area was quiet and it was not expected that there would be any major action before he had had time to settle in to his new duties. When war began, Rav Aluf Haim Bar-Lev was called to reserve duty from his Cabinet seat, and sent down to the south to reinforce the command there. Had Gonen immediately proved himself as a supremely able and gifted commander, it might have been decided to leave him there, and to let others such as Aluf Sharon continue under him. It was not a question of finding fault or asking Gonen whether he had or had not carried out some minor order but of the need to tell him that he had not been appointed to run the whole war. The present situation was very complex, and it was a distinct possibility that war might break out again. Mr. Dayan says, "This cease-fire that has been signed is not something certain, that we can rely on. There has been no withdrawal or disengagement, the present lines have not been agreed upon, there has been no reduction of forces on either side. It is a very crucial front, and if fighting begins again there, it would probably also start up in the north." Mr. Dayan noted that he had consulted with Attorney General Shamgar whether changes in appointments at the present time could be considered in any way detrimental to any individual officer's position with regard to the Inquiry Commission, but Mr. Shamgar had

# Sadat says war not yet over

By ANAN SAFADI. Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Egyptian President Anwar Sadat said yesterday that fighting could flare up anew "at any moment." The latest Arab battle against Israel was not over and the October war was no more than "a spark," Sadat told the Arab summit conference in Algiers. The summit conference was understood to have devoted much of its time yesterday to the rivalry between Jordan and the terrorist movement over the representation of the Palestinians. At on stage, the summit was reported to have appealed to King Hussein to come to the conference, at which Jordan is represented by the Chief of the Royal Cabinet. The conference appears to have been dominated by the "big four" — Sadat, Syrian President Hafez Assad, Saudi Arabia's King Faisal and host Algerian President Houari Boumedienne. They were said to be aiming to coordinate Arab strategy against Israel, while stressing the continued use of oil as a major weapon in the international arena. The summit conference divided the world community into three categories: friends, neutral and hostile. Those belonging to the latter category for their support for Israel would be denied oil supplies, it was reported. In the context of the newly established Arab-African solidarity, South Africa, Rhodesia and Portugal would be barred from receiving Arab oil, it was said. AP reports from Algiers that Saudi Arabia has proposed that oil restrictions against all European Common Market countries except Holland be lifted, reliable sources reported. They said the proposal would consider Japan a friendly country and remove export cuts. The proposal seeks to reward the European countries and Japan for recent declarations indicating a swing in policy in favour of the Arabs and away from Israel, the sources said.

## Peace talks depend on 101

Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter. Egypt is studying the question of its participation in the Israel-Arab peace conference next month in the light of the military talks with Israel, the Government spokesmen said in Cairo yesterday. He indicated Egypt might determine its position following today's meeting at Kilometer 101 on the Cairo-Suez road. The meeting is expected to wind up the negotiations on the issue of disengagement of forces, which remains the only outstanding clause of the U.S. authorized six-point ceasefire agreement designed to precede the peace conference, scheduled to be held in Geneva in mid-December. The Egyptian spokesman, Ahmed Anis, said that his government was having "further thoughts" on participation in the peace talks. "This is a question under close study at the moment," he said. Egypt has insisted on Israel withdrawing its forces to the October 22 ceasefire lines. Cairo's "Al-Ahram" yesterday reported that President Sadat has said that unless the question of disengagement is settled, he will not go to next month's peace talks with Israel. But an Algerian press report quoted an Egyptian Government official, Tahsin Basim, as saying that Egypt would go to the peace conference whether the disengagement issue was settled or not. Jordan last night announced it had received an official invitation to attend the conference, noting it had accepted it "in principle." Amman radio said the invitation was extended jointly by the U.S. and Soviet ambassadors to King Hussein yesterday. Jordan's Premier Zaid Rifai however cautioned that Hussein will "not be prepared to attend the peace conference if it is decided to set up a Palestinian government."

## Senate confirms Ford as V-P

WASHINGTON (UPI). — The Senate, in a roll call for the history books, voted 92 to 3 yesterday to confirm Rep. Gerald Ford of Michigan to be the next Vice-President of the United States. Ford, the House Republican leader and a staunch Nixon loyalist, could take office next week if the House as expected joins the Senate in confirming the nomination by a majority vote. The vote, the first to be taken under the 25th Amendment for presidential succession, came one day less than seven weeks after Spiro Agnew resigned, pleading no contest to a single count of income tax evasion.

## Israelis failed to get Sam-6 guidance system

WASHINGTON (UPI). — Israeli troops failed to capture the guidance equipment for the advanced Sam-6 Soviet missiles introduced in Egypt during the October war, Pentagon officials said yesterday. Military officers said they had been hoping Israeli forces would capture a Sam-6 missile intact during their advance beyond the Suez Canal so American technicians could examine the equipment to learn the latest Soviet technical gains, particularly the radar guidance system, which has been difficult to jam. A Pentagon source said the Israelis had succeeded in capturing some damaged Sam-6 missiles left behind by the Egyptians. But the Egyptians took the guts of the missile system — the vans containing the guidance equipment — with them when they retreated, the source said. The Sam-6 was generally considered by military experts the greatest threat to Israel aircraft. It was a far more effective weapon than

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## KLM HIJACKERS Letter bombs found in Tel Aviv AND IN DUBAI

The Royal Dutch Air-umbo jetliner hijacked by a team of Arab terrorists returned to Dubai after a vain attempt to return to Yemen's Aden but finally allowed to refuel in Dubai. After a three-hour refuelling stop there, the plane took off again for Aden, where it circled for four hours. When Aden refused to grant them safe conduct, although it said it would allow them to land, the hijackers ordered the crew to fly on. Aboard the plane were the crew of nine, a relief pilot, and a KLM vice president, A. W. Withold. Before leaving Dubai, the gunman said they would release the giant airliner if Holland and Cyprus kept promises they had given. During a four-hour refuelling stop at Dubai, the hijackers told the Premier of the United Arab Emirates, Dubai's Crown Prince Sheikh Maktum Bin Rashid Al Maktum: "Everything is going well."

## shooting fronts

A number of minor reported on the day. The Egyptians in the Third Army east of from light arms on the west of the Canal at 5.15 a.m. They fired at 11.45 a.m. at Kilometre 152 road. At 11.45 a.m. an Egyptian sniper the Canal fired, but the jeep was later proceeded to Suez. 101 Egyptian wounded from the town of Egyptian ambulance by U.N. personnel buses, which arrived were permitted to take the severely wounded. The standard procedure was that the wounded to the outskirts of the Egyptian buses. Other Israeli soldier killed and wounded in exchanges between Israeli and Egyptian forces in the Sinai Peninsula. The Egyptian ambulance was hit by a missile yesterday. The ally has been informed. A second Israeli soldier consecutive days at the front.

## ATERGATE TAPE LAYED IN COURT

IN (AP). — Spectators rushed federal court heard the first part of one of the White House Watergate tapes. The jury heard very little they and court was a copy of the tape of June 20, 1972 meetings involving President Nixon, John D. Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman. After 20 minutes of mostly inaudible conversation, first between the President and Ehrlichman and then between the President and Haldeman, the transmission was interrupted by a clear steady buzzing. U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica let the tape play on for the full 18 minutes during which the buzzing obliterated all other sound. Rose Mary Woods, the President's personal secretary, testified she believed she might have caused the gap by pushing the wrong button on a recording machine on which she was listening to the tape. (Story on Page 5)

## Imported trucks clog port, don't clear it

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER. Jerusalem Post Reporter. HAIFA. — The trucks the Transport Ministry has imported from Europe to help overcome the transportation problem, have themselves become part of the problem. Several hundred of the trucks are laid up in Haifa port, taking up valuable storage space. Instead of helping to ease the port congestion by taking cargo out of the port, they are aggravating the congestion, the port spokesman told The Post yesterday. The trucks include many ready-to-drive vehicles, complete with bodies, and some chassis only which must have bodies fitted before they can be used. The Ministry purchased 2,500 new trucks in Haifa last night. Immediately after the war, they have been arriving in Haifa during the past three weeks, and most of them are now stuck here. The Ministry announced that it would sell the trucks to all comers on easy terms. The trucking companies have reportedly offered to buy 1,000, but the deal has not yet gone through. Negotiations are continuing. It was learned that the established trucking companies object to the trucks being sold to anybody but themselves, and certainly not directly to industrial plants which are short of transportation. At the same time, a record quantity of 130,000 tons of cargo, unloaded from ships, have accumulated in Haifa port mainly for lack of transportation. There is virtually no additional storage space left. The rate of cargo clearance from the port keeps up with the amount unloaded every day, but no headway has been made in clearing the backlog. David Krivine adds: In Jerusalem, a Transport Ministry official said last night: "The private hauliers, represented in the Trucking Board, have an option to buy these trucks up to today. Any vehicle not taken up by then will be acquired by the Government. 'Special credit arrangements' were completed at the end of last week, to make it easier for the hauliers. It takes time to get together the money for paying customs, and so on. But we hope that things will start moving now," he said. Complaining to The Post about Continued on page 2, col. 4

## IS THE SIGN OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT

ANGLO SAXON REAL ESTATE AGENCY LTD. IS THE SIGN OF REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT. A Filipino stationed in with the U.S. Navy a prize in the Mega-Lottery on Monday present at the draw the first \$50,000 got yearly for 20 years. "I'm going home soon," I'm thinking of them," Lamberto of his parents in the When he does return be \$1m. richer than



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## THE WEATHER

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Yesterday's Humidity	Yesterday's Min.	Yesterday's Max.	Today's Forecast
Jerusalem 42	9-15	20-24	15-20
Golan 44	10-18	21-25	16-21
Nahariya 47	12-20	23-27	18-23
Safed 42	10-18	21-25	16-21
Haifa Port 40	11-20	22-26	17-22
Tiberias 38	9-17	20-24	15-20
Nazareth 34	8-16	19-23	14-19
Afula 32	7-15	18-22	13-18
Shomron 31	6-14	17-21	12-17
Tel Aviv 31	10-18	21-25	16-21
Lod Airport 40	11-20	22-26	17-22
Jericho 33	8-16	19-23	14-19
Qana 30	7-15	18-22	13-18
Beer Sheva 43	11-21	23-27	18-23
Eilat 20	14-22	25-29	21-25
Tiran Straits 23	17-24	26-30	24-28

## Social and Personal

The President, Mr. Ephraim Katzir, yesterday received Prime Minister Golda Meir at his office in Jerusalem. He also received the President of the Zionist Federation of Great Britain, and Lady Jenner.

On Monday evening, the President received a delegation of Israel Bond leaders from the U.S.

The Ambassador of Brazil, Mr. Miguel do Rio-Branco, yesterday called on Knesset Speaker Israel Yeshayahu.

Three West German Christian Democrat parliamentarians, Norbert Blum, Wolfgang Vogt and Ferdinand Breithach, also called on the Speaker.

Mr. Amos Ishai, of Paz will speak on Jet Fueling, at today's meeting of the Haifa Rotary Club, Dan Carmel Hotel at 1 o'clock.

Dr. John Hall, marine geophysicist with the Government Survey, is to lecture on Scientific investigation in the Arctic Ocean from a floating ice station, at the weekly luncheon of the Jerusalem Rotary Club, today at 1 o'clock. Wives are invited.

The Vocal Newspaper of the Jerusalem Journalists' Association, at eight o'clock on Friday night at Beit Ha'am, will deal with World Jewry to Israel's Aid, and will include Jacob Stein, president of the U.S. Conference of Presidents of Major Jewish Organizations, Chaim Finkelstein, of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Aviad Yaffe, M.K., Appeals Coordinator for the Finance Minister. Arye Tzismul of 'Yediot Aharonot' will review the political situation.

## NRP: Gov't should clarify U.S. position before parley

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — NRP leader Yitzhak Rabin has urged the Government to clarify with the U.S. before the December 13 peace conference begins whether there is an understanding on the borders and the nature of peace.

Speaking to a National Religious Party meeting here, Dr. Rabin also warned of a surprise attack, adding that "peace illusions" could weaken Israel's alertness.

In Dr. Rabin's view, the Government must set two prior conditions before going to the conference: The Soviet Union which plans to sponsor the gathering with the U.S., must re-establish diplomatic relations with Jerusalem;

The U.N. Secretary-General's position at the conference must be defined to prevent enlarging the scope of his intervention into Israeli affairs, or according to a status to other members of the Security Council.

The NRP leader also cautioned against any "package deal" with all the Arab states, urging that negotiations be held separately with each.

Likud mayoral candidate for Tel Aviv, Aluf (res.) Shlomo Lahat, yesterday criticized the Government for having agreed to attend the peace conference without first in-



The Inquiry Commission set up to probe the conduct of the October war, holding its first meeting at the former Justice Ministry building in Jerusalem yesterday. The Commission members, from left to right, are Prof. Yigael Yadin, Justice Moshe Landau, Justice Shimon Agranat (president), Dr. I.E. Nebezhni and Haim Leavov. The man in the foreground is the recording clerk. (Israel Sun)

## IN THE PARTIES

### Labour Party factions back Meir but seek changes in platform

By MARK SEGAL

Jerusalem Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Labour Party is expected today to confirm its support for the Government's conduct of national affairs and to register a resounding vote of confidence in the leadership of Premier Golda Meir and her Cabinet. It is learned that Mrs. Meir has requested a secret ballot on this issue.

It is also learned that the "Gush" bloc of ex-Ma'apal politicians in the party will make its support of Mrs. Meir and her team conditional on revisions in the election platform and changes in the new Cabinet. The party's influential Hachibutzim division yesterday reiterated its fullest support for Mrs. Meir and upheld the decision to hold elections now. The kibbutz leaders also opposed the demand to open up the candidates' lists, but they issued a call to update the party platform.

The traditional compromise formula having been arrived at in be-

hind-the-scenes consultations, today's Labour Party Central Committee debate is not expected to provide as much of a dramatic spectacle as was previously thought. The support of the main blocs dominating the Labour Party is already assured for Mrs. Meir and her team. The opposition, though highly vocal, comes from marginal party groups, although they may have gained initial encouragement from certain elements inside the establishment for their drive to oust Mrs. Meir and Defence Minister Moshe Dayan, they find no real support now in the party's executive forums. Their most important spokesman is Arye Eliav, M.K. But he enjoys little backing in the party mainstream.

The majority of the party's La-shiluv younger leadership circle and youth division have resolved to back Mrs. Meir, although a minority are under Mr. Eliav's influence.

The Central Committee's schedule has been changed. Due to technical reasons, it will not hold a marathon debate today as planned, but will convene in the evening and continue on another day. Thus it is not known whether the Committee will vote today on Mrs. Meir's nomination as the party's candidate for a further term in office. What is likely to emerge from tonight's meeting, however, is the formation of a top-level committee to thrash out guide-lines for a revised platform.

The party's Social and Political Ideological Circle yesterday announced at a press conference that they will picket today's Central Committee meeting. The group urged the adoption of peace initiatives and called for the present leadership to be replaced.

Dr. Yermiyahu Yovel — although not a member of this circle — said he spoke for broad circles of intellectuals who would not vote for the Labour Alignment unless the party dismisses Mr. Dayan from the Defence Ministry, installs a new leadership team and launches new peace initiatives.

Dr. Yohanan Peres and Prof. Amos Tversky told the press that "Love" Eliav was their ideological mentor. Dr. Mattityahu Peled and author Hanoch Bartov added that Deputy Premier Yigal Allon provided the best available ideas to guide the party and the Government.

The Etgar ideological circle yesterday asked the party leadership to make known the composition of the Cabinet it intends to set up after the elections. This group, which is mainly composed of former senior army officers and industrial executives, declined to adopt the proposals of its chairman, Herzliya Mayor Yosef Nevo, who favoured putting off the elections in order to re-open the election lists. The circle's most prominent member, Ahuf Aharon Yaviv, was not present.

Two of the 15 speakers at the meeting called for the resignation of Defence Minister Dayan. They were Zerubavel Shalev (ex-Ahduf Ha'avoda) and Haim Dovshani. But this matter was dropped when the majority of those present protested.

## TRUCKS

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the ports situation, Eliahu Teomim of Agan Chemicals said yesterday, "The position is becoming intolerable."

"We import dangerous and inflammable materials, which the port refuses to store," he said. "They must be offloaded direct from vessel to truck."

"But the authorities do not supply a truck when it is needed. Sometimes the ship goes back with our cargo still aboard. Foreign suppliers tell us Zim is now refusing to take on this kind of freight unless the recipient signs a commitment that it will be removed from the hold when it arrives."

Mr. Teomim went on: "We received some machinery recently. As there was no room inside the dock area, it was dumped nearby. I could not coordinate between the lorry service (controlled by the Transport Ministry) and the cranes (belonging to the port). In the end I had to bring my own crane from Tel Aviv to Ashdod at a cost of \$1,000."

"Zim is now ready to load exports in Eilat, since the way south is now open. But the officials apparently still have instructions not to deliver goods there — so I cannot dispatch my exports," Mr. Teomim said.

It is learnt from other sources that customs officials sometimes refuse to inspect a cargo because there is no car to take them to the spot. (This ride is usually supplied by the customs agents; but many of them have been called up. The clerks or secretaries who replace them have no vehicles of their own.)

A Transport Ministry official explained last night that the problem is shortage of vehicles. "In peacetime there is a carrying capacity on our roads of 250,000 tons a day. Owing to the mobilization, we are left with only 60,000 tons, of which half is allocated to the supply of food, for people and livestock."

"That leaves 30,000 tons (instead of 220,000 tons) for everything else. Many important assignments cannot be met. Until this shortage is eased, there will be lots of hardships," — that cannot be avoided. Of course, as imported trucks become operational, the situation will improve," he promised.

Meanwhile, the president of the Manufacturers Association has dispatched an angry telegram to the Ministers of Finance, Transport and Commerce and Industry, in what he calls the chaotic handling by the transport authorities of lorry services to and from the port.

## Young woman beaten to death

HAIFA. — A badly battered woman was brought lifeless to the Hillel Yoffe Hospital here yesterday by a man who was not available later to explain the circumstances to the police.

Viola Bulbul, 24, a Jewess converted to Islam, lived in this town with her Arab husband — originally from Baka al-Chariya in the eastern Sharon. She appears to have died from damage to her lungs caused by several heavy blows. Her reports that a number of broken sticks were found beside the shack where the couple lived, and that these may have been used to beat the woman.

Police are searching for the husband, as they wish to question him.

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## 'SAUDIA WILL RETALIATE IF EUROPE AIDS DUTCH'

PARIS. — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Yamani said on Monday a common European attempt to help oil-deprived Holland will trigger retaliatory actions.

"If we feel the embargo against Holland is being broken we will take action," Yamani told a news conference.

His statements came in response to a question about West German Chancellor Willy Brandt's declarations in Paris on Monday that Europeans should stick together and help each other face the oil crisis.

Yamani said a decision to restore Saudi oil shipments to the U.S. would be taken in common with other Arab oil-exporting states.

Asked what Europe could do to end the oil cut-backs, he said, "Europe must do all it can to get the occupied territories evacuated and re-establish the rights of the Palestinians. I think Europe knows very well what it can do."

In a television interview on Monday night he said, "I would not be shocked to see Europe intervene militarily."

Yamani told the news conference, "We sincerely hope this will be over soon. We hope Israel will be aware of the price Europe is paying for Israel's illegal action."

**INVITED TO HOLLAND**  
In Amsterdam, Holland's Foreign Ministry yesterday announced it has invited Yamani, and his Algerian colleague, Abdes Salam, to include The Hague in their current European trip. The Ministry said these invitations have also been forwarded to Jeddah and Algiers, but no reply has yet been received.

Asked what oil ministers are scheduled to be in London today, during their tour to explain the Arab use of oil as a political weapon. Britain, meanwhile, was preparing to issue gasoline rationing cards, which will be distributed by post offices tomorrow.

On Monday, a senior Saudi official said his country has asked the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) for a 51 per cent share in its operations. Prince Saud Faisal, Undersecretary for Oil and Mineral Resources, quoted on Saudi radio, said his country had asked for a larger share in line with changing international conditions.

## Military reporters protest against new restrictions

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Military correspondents met yesterday to air complaints that the army is now preventing them from meeting senior officers in the field. The correspondents complain that they are prevented from reflecting the military situation correctly, because they are out of contact with current thought in the army. Their new difficulties, the correspondents say, stem from the time Tal-Ahuf Aharon Avnon was appointed Co-ordinator of Information at GHQ 10 days ago.

They issued an official statement saying that "if the obstructionist policy hampering our contact with the defence establishment and the army continues, we can regretfully not continue to serve the public."

At the time of T.A. Avnon's appointment, the authorities let it be known that one of his tasks was to close the credibility gap left in the wake of the first days of the war.

## U.N. unworried about crack Polish troops to UNEF

CAIRO (AP). — The United Nations said here yesterday it saw no grounds for American concern over Poland's dispatch of crack paratroopers instead of ordinary soldiers to the U.N. peacekeeping forces here.

A U.N. spokesman said, "I fail to understand the basis for Washington reports quoting U.S. military sources as calling it a 'strange assignment for paratroop units to be assigned to rear-echelon logistic tasks.' We are fortunate that contributing countries are sending their best troops."

Information officer Rudolf Stajduhar stated, "We are sure that the Poles are sending highly qualified officers and soldiers to do their job in logistics."

Under a U.S.-Soviet compromise worked out at the United Nations, Poland and Canada each was asked to send troops to the UNEF, with the stipulation that they would perform logistic missions only.

The Washington reports quoted U.S. sources as saying the Polish 6th Airborne Division paratroopers were not basically logistics troops but combat soldiers specially trained to operate behind enemy lines, and the motive for sending them here was unclear.

## Pickers at party by Japanese envoy

HERZLIYA. — The new Japanese Ambassador and Mrs. Kanuhide Komuro gave a reception at the Accadia Hotel here yesterday as a group of picketers outside the hotel protested against Japan's submission to Arab oil blackmail.

The picketers, who called themselves "Citizens Who Care," marched silently back and forth, carrying posters which read "Is Japan a Saudi Colony?" and other slogans. The police did not intervene.

Among the guests at the Japanese reception was the Chief of Protocol, Avigdor Shoham.

## Prof. Martin Plessner

Prof. Martin (Meir) Plessner, Emeritus Professor of Islamic Civilization at the Hebrew University, died in Jerusalem yesterday at the age of 73.

Prof. Plessner was born and educated in Germany, and settled in Israel in 1933. He was considered an expert in Jewish studies and Greek culture, as well as the Moslem world.

The funeral will leave at 12 noon today from the Sanhedria Funeral Parlour.

during new talks with Aramco. Saudi Arabia got an initial 25 per cent share in Aramco's operations under a participation accord signed last December and is only due to take over 51 per cent in 1982.

The Prince added that new talks on participation have also covered prices, on which agreement had been reached.

**NO NATIONALIZATION**  
But during his Paris television interview on Monday, Yamani said Aramco will not be nationalized to punish the U.S. Yamani said his government hoped for continued cooperation with the U.S. in developing Saudi Arabia's untapped oil resources. He added that the untapped deposits are probably greater than those already discovered.

Prices on European stock markets continued to slide yesterday, amid fears that the West's growing oil

shortage will cause a world-wide economic depression.

"There's not a buyer in sight," said one broker in London. "Prices were also sharply down in Milan, Zurich and Frankfurt."

In Washington yesterday, United Airlines announced it is shutting more than 100 flights in January and laying off at least 1,000 employees immediately because the fuel shortage.

In other developments, Congressman Dick Shoup introduced legislation calling for an embargo on shipment of U.S. goods to all nations which have cut off oil to the U.S.

"This is not a retaliatory measure," the Montana Republican said. "It is designed only to help us serve our energy and to aid in finding our own national production."

(AP, UPI, Reuters)

## KLM HIJACK

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chant, told reporters: "I had just finished a delicious snack after taking off from Beirut Airport when the purser told me in a low voice that the aircraft had just been hijacked."

He said the youngest of the three gunmen, a teenager, was always extremely nervous. Mr. Young said he thought the end had come when the youth produced sticks of gelignite and then asked for small oxygen cylinders. "If he had really started fiddling with that it would have been the end," Mr. Young said.

The jumbo jet was given permis-

## Search for oil to be stepped up, budget doubled

Jerusalem Post Economic Reporter

Proposals by the Ministry of Development and the Treasury for stepping up the search for oil will be submitted in the next few days to the Ministerial Economic Committee.

Outlay on prospecting will be more than doubled, and there are good chances of finding at least a "baby giant deposit," an official told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

The plan means spending \$1,200m. on the oil search over the next four or five years. Existing licences have mostly run out, opening the way to new companies, which may be ready to intensify the pace of activity.

The present oil crisis has stimulated renewed interest in the subject, and inquiries are being received in Israel from foreign concerns eager to locate new wells. But the local company Lapidot will continue to play a prominent part, informed sources say.

## Energy crisis said aiding Eastern Bloc

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The energy crisis created by the Arab oil cutback is starting to benefit the Eastern Bloc, it was learned here yesterday. The Polish Government has reportedly sold several hundred thousand tons of coal to Western European and Scandinavian countries, as a substitute for oil.

The deal surfaced through the international shipping market, where brokers are now busy contracting freighters to transport the coal from Poland to its European customers.

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## Moments of fear

VALLIETTA, Malta (AP). — Passengers released from the hijacked KLM jumbo jet spoke of 32-hour ordeal while they sat at Malta's plush Grand Hotel Vardalos early yesterday.

One passenger, a Sudanese, said Y.M. Hassan, said passengers became aware that the plane had been hijacked one and a half hours after takeoff from Beirut. He said there were five hijackers; one with a pistol, another with a grenade in his hand who were among the passengers and a third who was in the cockpit. He said their ages were 21, 32 and 32. The eldest was their chief and called the other two by numbers — six and eight.

Hassan said the passengers remained calm but there was tension especially at Tripoli after the hijackers were told to let passengers leave the plane and render.

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# Universities to assist students in army

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
IV. — The university year on December 23, the heads of the country's higher education institutions decided yesterday. The decision, subject to Government approval, will be made to see that the interests of mobilized students are not jeopardized. Lectures will be held in the army and work out of the army will be carried out by correspondence courses. The tapes or transcripts of mobilized students. In addition, universities will try to get leave for the soldier-students to enable them to use campus facilities whenever possible. There will also be a special summer semester to enable the mobilized students to catch up with their studies. They will be offered reductions in tuition fees and other financial assistance, which the universities hope will be largely financed by the Government.

# Schools to get their Hanukka holiday

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— The Ministry of Education announced yesterday that schools will be closed for the Hanukka holiday, which begins on Sunday, December 23 (Kislev 28) — to make up room time lost during the year. Schools were closed for a (for security reasons) and classes could not be given due to the call-up of teachers. Classes were held during the Suroot vacation in an effort to keep youngsters off the street and to help the many mothers going to work in the absence of their menfolk. In spite of this nominal gain in teaching time, however, it was felt that studies had suffered.

# Maximum prices list out today

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— The Ministry of Defense announced today that it will publish a list of maximum prices for goods and services needed by the army. The list will be published today to consumers to keep a close eye on unauthorized price hikes. The Ministry spokesman said that complaints of such hikes are reported to the nearest police station or the Ministry of Defense, Haifa, Tel Aviv or Beersheva.

# Room pre-fabs for immigrants

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— A dozen ready-to-assemble wooden houses arrived from the U.S. on Sunday in the m.s. Great Bear. The pre-fabs, the first of a series for 120, were shipped by a U.S. Government grant for absorption. The remaining houses will be brought over as shipping becomes available. They are to be put up near the existing housing centres which have been established for immigrants.

# LARGEST single consignment of fruit of the season, 250,000 was shipped to Europe from Port yesterday on the m.s. Great Bear

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— The shipment brought the total of fruit shipped from Haifa so far this year to over two million cases. Port has shipped a million cases of fruit, including 300,000 from the grape groves.



Public Works Department employees at work repairing the Kuneitra-Damascus road, in Syrian territory now occupied by Israel forces.

# Search abandoned for shipwreck victims

ASHDOD. — The search has been abandoned for the 13 men still missing from the Cyprus freighter, Amette, which slammed into the breakwater of the port here and sank during a storm last Friday. The last body to be recovered was that of George Shavit, owner of the Gal-Yam ship repair company, who was on board the freighter when it sank. Frogmen found the body wedged near the base of the breakwater on Monday.

# U.N. unit asks Israel to halt 'annexation'

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — The General Assembly's Special Political Committee urged Israel on Monday to "desist immediately from annexation and colonization" of Arab territories taken in the Six Day War. It also asked Israel to halt establishment of settlements, confiscation and expropriation of Arab property, deportation or transfer of the inhabitants and "all treatment" of Arabs in the territories. Israel denounced the "slanted" character of the resolution, saying that "the plight of the defenceless Jewish minorities in the Arab countries was omitted."

# Hotel rooms for invalids asked

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— The Tourist Ministry has asked hotel owners to prepare two or three rooms for use by war invalids confined to wheel chairs. The request, addressed by Tourist Minister Moshe Kol, said that such specially equipped rooms were at particular need, but there is a particular request for them at this time. The Ministry spokesman added that only minimal alterations were necessary.

# IMPORT DEPOSIT LIFTED FOR MONTH

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
— The deposit that importers are required to post against goods brought in from abroad will be waived as of today — the Finance Ministry spokesman said last night. The decision was made in an attempt to relieve congestion at the ports by accelerating the clearance of imports. The new arrangement will remain in force for a month — until December 27.

# Literate thriller

At the Cinema  
The Mackintosh Man (Elihu, Tel Aviv) is a superior, literate thriller that keeps one in suspense from start to finish even if there are times when one does not quite follow what is happening or why. It is excellently acted by a first-class cast and has been directed by John Huston with all his known professionalism. It all starts in London where an elaborately planned jewel robbery lands a mysterious character called Reardon (Paul Newman) in prison. When we saw him last but still handsome and an engaging actor in jail. But he is not in prison for long as, in one of the most tense and exciting incidents in the film, his escape is engineered along with that of another inmate, a convicted Russian spy (Ian Bannen). From then on the plot twists and thickens and the action moves to Ireland and then to Malta (interesting background), proceeding at an increasing tempo to an unexpected finale.

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# M.K.s find warm clothing lacking among troops on Northern front

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter  
Mr. Zvi Tzur, Assistant to the Defence Minister, admitted yesterday that soldiers on the Golan Heights are short of winter equipment for personal use and "promised to make an effort to supply what is missing in the next few days" according to Knesset Finance Committee chairman Israel Kargman. Mr. Kargman spoke to Mr. Tzur after reading the editorial in yesterday's Jerusalem Post, "Cold in the Golan." The Knesset Finance Committee found on a tour of the Syrian front on Sunday that most of the soldiers serving there had never seen the much publicised winter equipment for personal use, while those who received it were often critical of it, as regards quantity as well as quality. The Committee members saw large numbers of tents on the Golan, of which only one was heated, and were told by the soldiers that the heated tents leaked more than the standard kind. They were told by the few soldiers who had been issued with the special padded anorak jackets (dubbinim) that they were only good for dry, cold weather, but became unwearable the moment it rained. They were not impregnated. Two and sometimes three soldiers shared the same padded anoraks, and the same padded sleeping bags on a shift-system in some units issued with them, the Committee was told. Committee members were surprised that the Army had issued so much exaggerated publicity about the winter equipment, when there was so little of it available. Asking about the supply of Soldiers Welfare Committee parcels, Committee members found that some units were inundated with the parcels while other units had not received a single parcel for weeks.

# Round-up of arms in Druse Syrian villages

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
KUNSHITRA. — Israel forces in occupied Syria have rounded up a collection of arms and ammunition from the Druse villages there — including a complete modern cannon. The artillery piece was found in a search of one villager's home in an unnamed settlement. It was nearly dismantled and hidden in various places around the house. Other arms — some found in house-to-house searches and some turned in voluntarily — include Kalashnikovs and other types of rifles, handgrenades and ammunition. The Israeli forces believe considerable quantities of arms and ammunition are still hidden in the villages. It is learned that some of the arms belonged to the villagers since long before the October war. Other pieces were left behind by Syrian troops and gathered up by the local residents who stayed behind when the soldiers retreated. There are three populated Syrian villages now in Israeli hands, all of them Druse. Since the Druse in Syria serve in the army, it is assumed that the villagers know how to use the arms in their possession. The army has therefore called on the villagers to surrender their arms, under threat of legal action.

# Israel Druse call on villagers in Syrian sector

Jerusalem Post Reporter  
Leaders of the Druse community in Israel and the Golan Heights were given an enthusiastic welcome on Sunday on their first visit to the Druse village of Khadur, in Syrian territory occupied by Israel in the recent war. The five-man delegation was headed by Sheikh Amin Tarif, spiritual leader of the Druse community in Israel. They were accompanied by Kamal Mansour, adviser to the Government on Druse affairs; Sgan Aluf Aldva Dan, Military Governor of the Golan Heights; and representatives of the Labour and Religious Affairs Ministries. Hundreds of villagers turned out in the centre of the village to welcome them. Sheikh Tarif told the villagers of the religious freedom the Druse community enjoy in Israel, and invited them to visit the Druse holy site of Nebi Shueib at Hittin. Mr. Mansour then described the conditions of the Druse in Israel, stressing their economic and educational progress. The meeting concluded with a traditional Druse hafeh — a huge banquet of sheep roasted whole on the spit.

# 12 TONS OF HASH SEIZED

WASHINGTON (AP). — An international investigation ranging from Pakistan to Hollywood has netted 12 tons of hashish, said to be the largest seizure of the drug on record. John Bartels, head of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, said his agents and Pakistani authorities had closed the case on Monday with the seizure of 10 tons of hashish in Karachi, Pakistan. Bartels said the seizure, along with two tons agents took into custody in New York earlier, was worth \$80m. on the illicit U.S. wholesale market and \$350m. on the "street" market. Bartels said a 30-year-old Lebanese citizen Salim Hraoui, who ran an import business in Hollywood, has been charged with conspiracy to import hashish into the U.S.

# Israel alone in U.N. vote

UNITED NATIONS (Reuter). — Israel cast the only negative vote yesterday when the General Assembly's administrative and budgetary committee approved a \$2,404,000 appropriation for the new U.N. Economic Commission for Western Asia (ECWA), opening in Beirut on January 1.

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The vote was 76 to one, with no abstentions. Mr. Ephraim P. Haran of Israel told the committee that his country had been denied access to the existing U.N. Economic and Social Office in Beirut in an action which amounted to a "serious case of discrimination." The decision to establish ECWA on the basis of UNESO's membership would perpetuate that discrimination, he added.

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# Ex-Russians demand 'PoW' exchange with the U.S.S.R.

By SARAH HONIG  
Jerusalem Post Reporter  
TEL AVIV. — A committee of recent immigrants from the Soviet Union has asked the Government to do its utmost to insure an exchange of prisoners of war with... the U.S.S.R. The group, the Action Committee of Soviet Newcomers, claim they have authoritative information that Israel took a number of Russian advisers prisoner during the Yom Kippur War. Officially they would not detail the source of their information (which has been officially denied) nor the number of Russians whom they claim are held in Israel. They contend that the number is "more than a few."

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The newcomers argue that there are Israel PoWs in the Soviet Union, too, namely the "Prisoners of Zion." The Action Committee says the Government ought under no circumstances to allow the release of the "captured Soviets" unless the Soviet Union in return releases all the Jewish prisoners now languishing in Russian jails, insane asylums and concentration camps.

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They add that the situation of Russian Jews in general, and of "Prisoners of Zion" in particular, is quickly deteriorating. Not only are the inmates subjected to far more brutal treatment than before, but there are now serious fears about the wellbeing of a number of prisoners. Two have disappeared from the labour camps in which they were incarcerated. Their families, who are not given any information about their whereabouts or condition, have come to fear that they may have been executed.

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## Timing of Arab terror

THE hijacking of yet another passenger jet — the KLM Jumbo — by Arab terrorists operating out of Beirut did not come as a surprise. The timing of the outrage, to coincide with the Arab Summit in Algiers, was self-evident.

The sky pirates said they intended to strike a blow at Dutch aid for Israel, but in fact the spectacular step was intended to deal a severe shock to the Arab world and try to arrest its movement in a direction other than that of the extremists. When the Middle East began to simmer down after the cease-fire and the prospect of a political settlement began to loom, the Palestinian extremists sought a way to thwart the pursuit of a political option.

The hijackers, who are thought to belong to the most radical fringe of the terrorist camp, hoped to win Arab sympathy by selecting the same victim for their hijacking as the oil exporters had selected for their embargo. They hoped the hijacking would not only embarrass the two principal Arab participants in any future negotiating process — Egypt and Syria — but also reduce their political support from states attending the Summit, which in any case has been boycotted by firebrands like Iraq and Libya.

The hijackers have demonstrated that P.L.O. chief Yasser Arafat, for all his seat of honour in Algiers, does not control the terrorist movement as a whole and does not have the right to speak in the name of all Palestine Arab militants. The hint to the Summit is clear: whatever arrangement Arafat may agree to with his fellow-debaters will have to reckon with their active hostility.

The demands which the hijackers put to the Dutch Government have little root in reality — which is no surprise either, considering the warped way the Arab terrorists look at the world. KLM does not and did not fly across to Israel. The Israeli authorities would not have requested this of the Royal Dutch Airline.

Whatever aid Holland may be said to render to Soviet Jews immigrating to Israel, is purely technical, not political, as Holland represents Israel's diplomatic interests in Moscow. If another country represented Israel's interests in the Soviet Union, it too would receive and pass on the visa applications which the Soviet authorities have in any case already approved.

Once again the outrage was organised and executed out of Beirut. It seems certain that officials at the airport were in the know; otherwise the terrorists could not possibly have got their plastic charges, hand-grenades and pistols aboard the Jumbo.

The hijacking, like the latest rash of letter-bombs, is one more reminder to Israel — if such is needed — that we cannot afford to lower our guard for a single moment. It is one more reminder to the civilised world that after its years of permissiveness, indifference and open sympathy with killers masquerading as freedom fighters, it cannot do away overnight with the terrorist monstrosity which threatens it far more than it has ever threatened Israel.

## Dry Bones



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## Marking time at Km. 101

Ha'aretz (non-party) says: It seems that marking time will continue to characterize the meetings at Kilometer 101, and that the question of disengagement and separation of forces will occupy the first stage of the Geneva conference. If Egypt does not want to wait till then, it will have to take a fundamentally different approach, for Israel cannot be expected to be the only party to make compromises.

Hatzofe (National Religious) says that between the Israel-Egyptian dialogue in the tent on the Cairo-Suez highway and the peace conference in Geneva, there is a tension-filled front in which the cease-fire might end and heavy fighting flare up anew at any moment. As for the conference itself, Israel must insist on separate discussions with each of its neighbours. Any Soviet attempt to pressure Israel into prior implementation of the Arab demands will condemn the conference to failure from the outset.

Al Hanihshmar (Mapam) says the KLM hijack proves that blackmail pays off. Even noble Holland, after holding out against another form of extortion, has now been forced to give in to Arab demands. A world that gives in to one form of blackmail lays itself open to others, and, indeed, the Arabs may end up dictating even the composition of other countries' governments, absurd as this may sound today. Ten years ago, no one would have dreamed these governments would alter policy as a result of threats by Arab blackmailers.

Omer (Histadrut) says the hijack proves there was no truth at all in the terrorist leaders' declaration that he had renounced air piracy. She'arim (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) says the Arabs are carrying on like imperialists, who at will dictate prosperity or unemployment, hunger or satiety to the countries of Europe. Eventually, though, they may cut off the very branch on which they sit. For if the West fails to find a substitute for oil, it may find ways to remove its sources from the Arabs' control.

Davar (Histadrut) welcomes the delegation of the U.S. conference of Jewish Presidents now on a visit to Israel. Ahead of the conference is a long series of vital and urgent tasks, including an intensified information campaign among the U.S. public. The paper hopes that its consultations in Israel and renewed encounter with the local situation will aid it in carrying out its vital mission.

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# The Alignment and Likud are too far apart for a 'national government'

## NO TIME FOR CONSENSUS

THE Chairman of the influential Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, Mr. Haim Zadok M.E., is firmly opposed to the fashionable cry for the formation of a Government of National Unity. He is equally firm against putting off the elections.

In an interview with The Jerusalem Post this week, Mr. Zadok said he could envisage the formation of a national coalition government on the eve of or during a war when a consensus was not only possible but essential. But because this war caught Israel by surprise on Yom Kippur "everyone was too involved in the war's progress to think about forming such a Government." He pointed out that the Government of National Unity came into being at the beginning of June 1967, when the public had had sufficient time during May to discuss the issue at length. He stressed that with the cease-fire, Israel was confronted with a series of crucial political decisions including acceptance of the U.N. Resolution 338, the Six Point Cease-Fire Agreement and the impending Peace Conference in Geneva. On these major issues there was no consensus with the main Opposition party.

Mr. Zadok stressed that the main difference between the Labour Alignment and the Likud was that whereas the Alignment was ready to negotiate a settlement on the basis of mutual concessions and prepared for a territorial compromise so long as it ensured secure borders, the Likud cleaved to the "not one inch" line. "Above all, we require a Government that is capable of taking tough decisions. I believe that if we had a Government of National Unity now, we would already be witnessing a series of major crises in the Cabinet over the policy decisions I enumerated," he stated. He recalled how the original Government of National Unity fell in August 1970, after a Cabinet crisis caused by the decision to accept the cease-fire and the U.S. diplomatic initiative.

Mr. Zadok stressed that Israel's Government would certainly be faced with the need to adopt crucial, and even fateful decisions at Geneva, and thus Israel required a Government capable of making decisions on controversial matters, which a National Unity Government would be incapable of doing.

Thus — he stated — the country could not afford to postpone elections, and the nation must elect a Government with a mandate to pursue a responsible national policy. Mr. Zadok pointed out that as a matter of principle he was inclined to let new lists make their appearance and even to the "opening" of

the candidates' lists he most certainly opposed any postponing of the elections. He explained: "This would mean the continuation in office of a Government whose authority to make important decisions could be questioned because its mandate had expired. It is paramount in my eyes that the country must have as soon as possible a Government that can speak for Israel with the fullest measure of authority, not only in the legal and constitutional sense, but in the political sense as well."

The parliamentarian, an energetic 60-year-old lawyer, has become a familiar figure at inter-parliamentary gatherings and at the United Nations where he often joins the Israel delegation. A leading member of the ex-Mapam wing of the Labour Party, Mr. Zadok is regarded as a middle-roader between the clashing party factions. A former Minister of Commerce and Industry, he is so far the only candidate for the Ministry of Justice portfolio following Mr. Y.S. Shapiro's resignation.

### Opening lists

As to the demand for "opening" up the lists of candidates, Mr. Zadok says with a wry smile: "All those who make this demand want others' lists to be opened up. After all, both the Alignment and the Likud have a federative basis. Each has four divisions and each of the divisions determines its own quota of the list. Just as Mr. Begin cannot tell the Liberals or the Free Centre which candidates to choose, so Mapam cannot dictate their lists to either Rafi or Mapam. It is my prognosis that each division would choose more or less the same candidates. People talk on an abstract plane about the lists, but when we get down to the facts of political life — the lists, if reopened, would remain substantially the same."

I raised the question of the Labour Party's internal situation and the question marks being posed by a section about the Party's confidence in the national leadership. Speaking emphatically, Mr. Zadok stated that if the nomination of Golda Meir as Premier was put to the party vote once more he had not the slightest doubt that she would be reconfirmed.

He stressed: "I believe that the Labour Party continues to regard Golda Meir as its candidate for the Premiership and whoever votes for the Labour Alignment on December 31 must know that Golda Meir will be the one asked to form the new Government, on the assumption that the Labour Alignment continues to be the dominant political force." However, Mr. Zadok did add the rider — that to his mind Mrs. Meir

would take into account the Labour Party's desire that her new Cabinet should include new faces "who will reflect on Government level the lessons to be drawn from the Yom Kippur War."

What of the party programme? Did he envisage the need for any changes?

To Mr. Zadok's mind the Yom Kippur War demonstrated that there can be no military solution to the conflict. "The war proved that the Arabs cannot defeat us by military means; despite all the advantages they had in manpower, equipment, initiative and surprise, the war ended with our victory. But it also proved that we cannot defeat them solely because of political circumstances, the readiness of the Russians to provide them with arms, as well as the military capability they have shown."

On a political level, Mr. Zadok holds that "We can no longer maintain in the long run a state of political inactivity as some of us thought feasible before the war. The conclusion to be drawn, as I see it, is that the alternatives are either settlement or a new round of fighting. We cannot afford to jeopardize our security for the sake of any illusory settlement, and if it is impossible to attain a settlement that will offer us security, then it is likely that we may be faced with renewed war. But we must actively seek a settlement, explore all possibilities and channels, and be ready to make concessions."

### Pre-war policy

Speaking of the underlying precepts of pre-war policy, Mr. Zadok said: "None of us realized how imminent the war was. We shared two basic premises until October 6 — that the Arabs would not dare start war and that they were unready to accept a settlement that could be acceptable to us. On the basis of these two premises, we reached some kind of crystallization of the status quo encouraging a state of political inactivity."

Turning to his Committee which during the war served as a kind of shadow cabinet of national unity, Mr. Zadok said: "The Committee was a kind of crystallization of the status quo encouraging a state of political inactivity."

He prefaced his remarks by differentiating between powers, and instruments to exercise these powers. The Chairman felt that his committee had all the necessary powers of a parliamentary body. Speaking of its functions, Mr. Zadok pointed out that as most of the subject matter of its discussions were classified material which the Knesset

The Central Committee of the Labour Party is meeting today.

A leading member of the Party, HAIM ZADOK, who is Chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee, discusses some of the major problems facing the country with Post political reporter MARK SEGAL.



cannot air in open session, the Committee fulfils in these matters the role of the Knesset as a whole as well as its own task. Thereby it seeks to perform the task of parliamentary control over the Defence Establishment, and the Committee together with the Knesset Finance Committee comprise the body which approves the defence budget — just as the Knesset as a whole approves the State Budget.

Speaking theoretically — the powers are there, but the question to be asked is what kind of instruments does the Committee have to exercise them? "The situation so far is that outside the defence establishment no one has the instruments to examine the budget before its approval. This I have been saying for some years. To my mind the Knesset and its two major Committees lack instruments of this kind. We rely for all our information on the defence budget and defence requirements solely from within the Defence Establishment itself. They bring to us draft estimates that are in themselves the outcome of an argument over priorities among themselves. We have no independent machinery to examine these choices. We are not really in a position to make intelligent choices between alternatives, because they are unknown to us."

### Committee function

Pondering the functioning of his Committee, Mr. Zadok noted that when it has statutory powers under the law, then it makes decisions. A recent example — according to the Law of Enquiry Commissions, it is the Cabinet's prerogative to set up a Commission of Enquiry and define its terms of reference. If the enquiry entails secrecy, then the decision of the Government hinges on the approval of the Committee.

## TALENT EVERYWHERE BUT IN THE GOVERNMENT

### The public wants some answers

by EPHRAIM KISHON

WITH Arab pressure for direct negotiations increasing in view of Jerusalem's triple negative — no surrender, no full withdrawal, not before the elections — it looks as though the Israeli public has a few questions which the leadership is hard put to answer, both for want of answers and for want of a leadership.

The powers that be have apparently not yet grasped the fact that the Israeli public feels frustrated because they didn't prepare it for this war but for the one before. The public can't conceive why, after such enormous errors of judgment and such effective mismanagement, only three American Intelligence employees and Justus Shapira have handed in their resignations — the first because they took our "nothing to worry about" on trust, and the Minister of Justice because they committed all the blunders without him. No one else made any mistakes, apparently.

If we can read the signs, the Judicial Inquiry Commission will sit behind closed doors for about a year, and by the time it's finished the job we'll probably have forgotten whether it was a matter of blunders or something about a Third Man or what.

The Israeli public feels lost and bewildered, though in fact it shows the sound judgment of a computer which stops working when it hasn't got the facts. The public is proud of our military achievements, all the more now it knows the odds, but refuses to accept that the aims of this war have been accomplished with the exchange of Israeli prisoners against an entire Egyptian division. The public is afraid we may give up the borders that saved our life for a "rely on me" of foreign make. The Israeli is afraid of his own self, afraid he'll opt willy-nilly for a dictated settlement.

The Israeli public is made up of three million wonderful people who've proved over and over that they can stand up to the stiffest fight and make immense sacrifices if they must. This public can bear the most painful blows. It cannot bear the thought that they were unnecessary.

It can't grasp why, when right is so obviously on its side, the whole world is against it.

It can't understand how its leaders go on as if nothing had happened. And its leaders aren't aware of any of it.

IN times of war, prices go up and you pay more for everything. Just now we're paying in a big way for the fact that our closed party set-up, fossilized election system and outworn taxation have prevented our best brains from choosing politics as a career.

There are some among us who want to climb ladders. The Establishment has turned into an exclusive club. The rule of rotation was only applied where we still did have talent in our Army. Everywhere else, admission was on a strictly third-rate basis.

So now we're paying. The thing's particularly obvious in a field where the Administration and the Army occasionally put their heads together, namely, in Information. We get the feeling sometimes that this department just doesn't exist.

Because how else explain the fact that the world doesn't know who the aggressor in our region is? Was there ever a war in which one side went so far out of its way to prove it hadn't started it? Then why the hell don't we make the point? We're licking our wounds because we sat and waited, and the whole world screams that Israel aggression must be abolished.

To day, the nations of the world don't know that that small paragraph about "a just settlement of the Palestinian problem" means, according to the official Palestinian

standpoint, a just wiping out of the Jewish State. It's a military secret, apparently.

We also take pains to save world public opinion the shock of looking at what the Syrians did to our POWs. We've got the documents but we hide them. They're strictly for domestic consumption.

These things are handled by mediocre people.

HAVE our mentors ever considered that the Arab oil embargo ought to have ended up making the world detest the Arabs and not us? It's our best weapon, information — our public opinion is bound to revolt against this moral rotteness some day, if only somebody ups and asks: "Look, do you really have to freeze just because a hundred million Arabs have lost every war they waged against a handful of Jews?"

There are some among us who argue that we ought to demand an end to the oil embargo before we agree to a peace conference. It's the last thing we should do. The oil's working in our favour, however crazy that may sound. Another cut

in oil production in January, another trip by our Gaddafi, and the nations' fury will be laid at the proper doors. Even governments won't be able to ignore their people's disgust.

We may end up yet with Saudi Arabia doing our information job for us.

The kind of reasoning, only half meant in fun, naturally demands that our leaders won't keep shouting from the rooftops about how awfully scared we are of Russian intervention, because that exactly is the big threat our persuaders beyond the ocean keep holding over our heads. It's not the only declaration made by our leaders, over and under the Knesset table, that we could very well do without.

We don't, for instance, see the point of telling the world that it isn't humanitarian motives that make us feed the Third Army. Even if it's true, why say so? And just what was the profound security calculation lying behind the announcement that we had run out of shells on the eighth day of the war?

To judge by his performance, Professor Kissinger has more brains

than all of us put together. Even so, he never moves without a few dozen brilliant, non-partisan minds in his entourage to advise him what not to do. I doubt whether he himself really belongs to any party, because I was a university don before he took him away to manage U.S. affairs. American Presidents surround themselves with the best talent available in the country without giving into political account-keeping.

And with us?

With us, every decision is made by three party members in charge of the political hush-hush. No one is consulted who has not climbed their ladder. No professor, no genius will be allowed into the closed circle. Just what the frightened object of, both Establishment and Opposition, a reopening of the candidate lists: God forbid someone from on side might get in.

This country is positively bursting with talent. You can find a everywhere except in government. Our Kissingers are left out in the cold.

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## Readers' letters

### ARABS' DAY OF RECKONING

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Those Israelis who are prone to believe that the Yom Kippur War was a direct consequence of our holding on to Arab territories are deceiving themselves three times over. Let there be no mistake. Had we handed the territories back to the Arabs on a silver platter, as we did in 1957, they would still have waited out their opportunity to strike back.

Let us not forget that the Arabs are a "wifeme society." In Arab societies, behaviour is mainly guided by the fear of public opinion. Worry about external dignity is their continual concern. Arab morality depends on the pressure of an audience. Therefore three defeats at the hands of the Israelis are a bitter shame, and the urge to restore their lost prestige is for the Arabs a cause in itself — territories or no territories.

LUCY GRAZIA GOTTSHEIM Haifa, November 19.

### NAIVE APPEAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Six million Jews were killed not so long ago, and many others were murdered during the past 2,000 years because they were as naive as Mr. Frenkel ("Appeal of a Citizen" November 20). If Israel withdraws as he suggests, he will certainly not die fighting, but will die of fear every night when he goes to sleep.

Thanks to the men who have been giving their lives and fighting not only against the Arabs, but also against men like Mr. Frenkel, we are today allowed to live in Israel. Like Mr. Frenkel, we want peace, but only peace with a strong Israel.

JOSETTE AND HAIM SENIOR Heratya, November 20.

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#### RETIREMENT AND SURVIVORS' PENSION

FAMILY STATUS	MONTHLY ALLOWANCE	ALLOWANCE PLUS SOCIAL WELFARE ADDITION
Individual	IL174.55	IL296.05
Two persons	IL261.85	IL385.55
Three persons	IL351.65	IL471.15
Four persons	IL401.45	IL548.95
Five persons	IL465.45	IL621.95
Each additional person	+IL64.00	+IL64.00

These pension rates do not include votek insurance addition or addition for postponement of starting pension.

#### FAMILY ALLOWANCE

No. of Children	Allowance per two months	Allowance plus "ex-army" addition
Three	IL102	IL102
Four	IL242	IL242
Five	IL388	IL388
Six	IL528	IL528
Each additional child	+IL128	+IL128

The first allowance at the increased rate will be paid in December.

#### ALLOWANCE FOR EMPLOYEES' CHILDREN

For	Allowance per month	Allowance per day	Allowance per hour
One child	IL36	IL1.44	IL0.18
Two children	IL72	IL2.88	IL0.36

This allowance is paid by employers with salaries.